

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 12, 2006, the Examiner noted that claims 1-3, 7 and 12-22 were pending, and rejected all claims. No claims have been amended and claims 1-3, 7 and 12-22 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. The Examiner's rejection is traversed below.

Page 2 of the Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 7 and 12-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over van Cruyningen and Hunleth.

Hunleth has an effective date of May 7, 2003. The present was filed on July 3, 2003 and is a continuation of an application filed in 1999, which is a divisional of an application filed in 1997 which is a continuation an application filed in 1995. The effective filing date of the present application is long before the effective date of Hunleth. As a result, Hunleth is not prior art.

As acknowledged by the Examiner on page 2 of the Action, van Cruyningen does not teach or suggest the present claimed invention.

It is submitted that the claims distinguish over the prior art and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

It is submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the USPTO is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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